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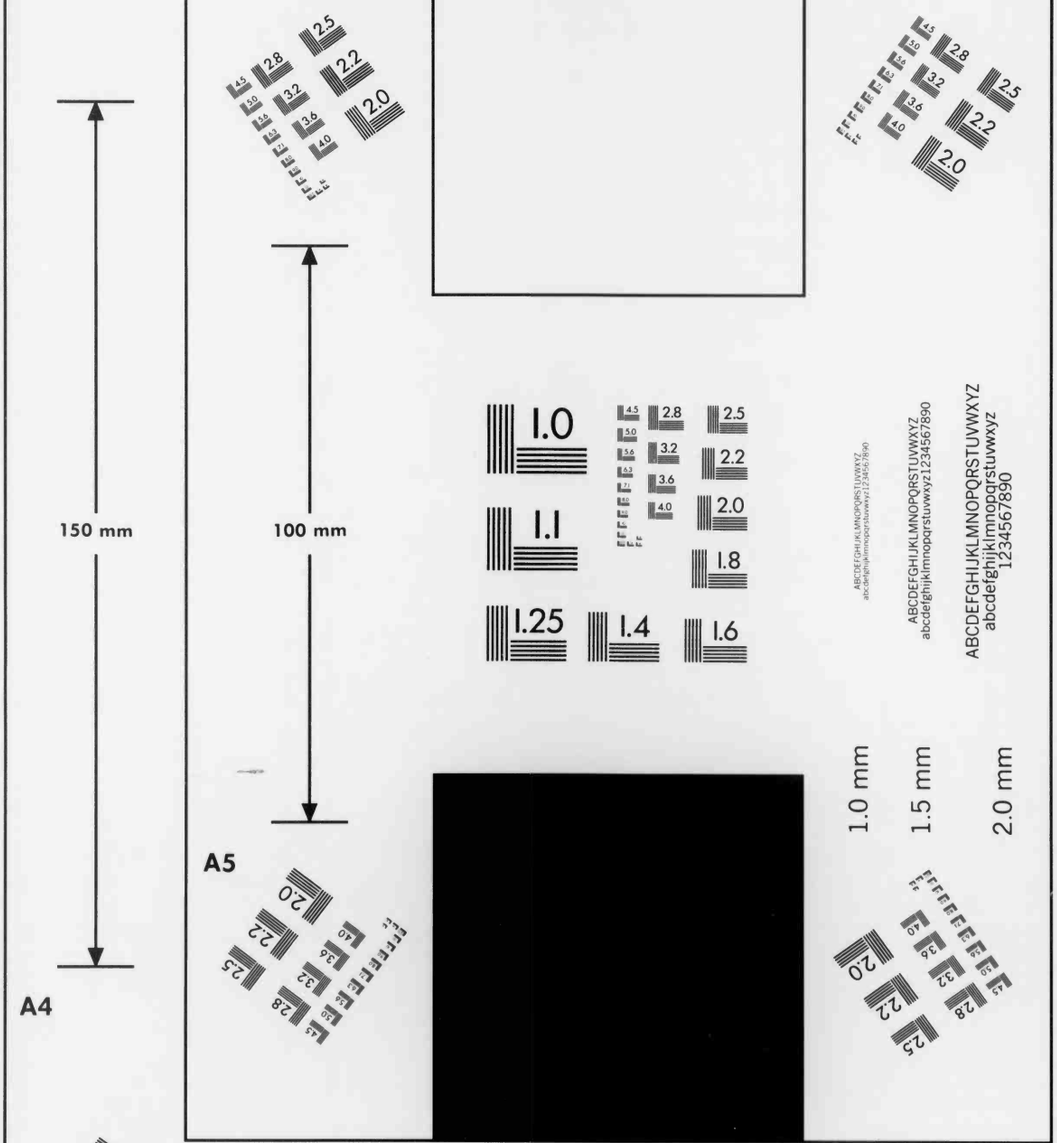

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FOREWORD

On February 11, 1944, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, appointed Special Industry Committee No. 3 for Puerto Rico, which met and held public hearings over the period of March 15, 1944 through April 19, 1944. Under the terms of the Act, the Committee was directed to investigate the economic and competitive conditions in the various industries in Puerto Rico and in each industry to recommend to the Administrator the highest minimum wage which it determined would not substantially curtail employment in the industry. The Act further directs that a Committee shall not recommend a minimum wage rate which will give any industry in Puerto Rico a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of Puerto Rico.

The statistical data given in this set of tables were presented to Special Industry Committee No. 3 for the purpose of assisting it in the performance of its statutory functions in connection with its reconsideration of the existing minimum hourly wage rates for the various branches of the Puerto Rican Needlework Industry. The tables were intended primarily to supplement the earlier study prepared by the Wage and Hour Division in September 1940, Report on Puerto Rico: The Needlework Industry, for the use of the first Special Industry Committee appointed for Puerto Rico. They do not purport to constitute a complete statistical study of the industry, but generally contain only such currently available information from official Federal and Insualr government sources as was believed to be of interest to the Committee in its investigation of the industry's economic and competitive conditions. Among other pertinent data, the tables present general Census statistics, production and employment data, material on volume of shipments, transportation charges and tariff rates, and wage and hour statistics.

In order to obtain more recent earnings information for factory workers, the Puerto Rican Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division conducted a survey of needlework shops in March 1944. This study covered approximately half of all establishments engaged in the production of needlework goods for interstate commerce and the sample is believed to be representative with respect to type and quality of product, size of establishment, and geographical location. The survey indicates the effect of any given increase in the minimum wage rate on factory workers and on factory labor costs. It should be borne in mind, however, that the majority of the employees in this industry are homeworkers for whom exact hourly earnings data are not currently available.

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Table 1. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: General statistics, 1939

Item	Puerto Rico	San Juan
Number of establishments	136	27
Total salaried employees and wage earners a/	6,645	1,996
Salaried employees a/	267	63
Wage earners (average for the year) b/	6,378	1,661
Salaries and wages a/	$ 1,749,142	$ 665,655
Salaries a/	$ 173,328	$ 69,933
Wages b/	$ 1,575,814	$ 595,722
Cost of materials c/	$ 13,323,273	$ 3,023,332
Value of products d/	$ 20,778,267	$ 5,283,339
Value added by manufacture e/	$ 7,454,994	$ 2,260,007

Source: Census of Manufacturers: 1939, Manufacturers in Puerto Rico

a/ Excludes number and compensation of salaried officers and supervisory employees.

b/ Excludes number and compensation of home workers

c/ Includes supplies, containers, fuel, electric energy and work done outside the plant. The amount is estimated in part by use of ratios derived from reports made for corresponding classes of establishments operating in the United States.

d/ As part of the establishments engaged in contract work reported receipts for work done on materials owned by others, and part reported actual value of goods made, all returns have been converted to estimated value of products.

e/ Represents value of products less cost of materials. This figure is inflated to the extent to which it includes amounts paid for outside work.

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Table 2. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Location of establishments by municipality, 1939

Municipality	Number of establishments
Total	136
Aguadilla	4
Arecibo	7
Bayamón	4
Caguas	9
Cayey	1
Cormo	4
Guayama	3
Hatillo	1
Humacao	1
Juncos	3
Lajas	2
Mayaguez	45
Ponce	16
Río Piedras	1
Sabana Grande	3
San Juan	27
Yauco	5

Source: Census of Manufacturers: 1939, Manufacturers in Puerto Rico

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Table 3 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Distribution of establishments by size, 1939

Employment a/		Value of products		Value added by manufacture	
Size interval	Number of establishments	Size interval	Number of establishments	Size interval	Number of establishments
All sizes	136	All sizes	136	All sizes	136
No wage earners	13	$2,000 to $4,999	7	Less than $5,000	18
1 to 5 wage earners	22	$5,000 to $10,000	13	$5,000 to $9,999	9
6 to 20 wage earners	30	$20,000 to $99,999	45	$10,000 to $19,999	24
21 to 50 wage earners	38	$100,000 to $499,999	63	$20,000 to $49,999	36
51 to 100 wage earners	16	$500,000 to $999,999	7	$50,000 to $99,999	24
101 to 250 wage earners	13	$1,000,000 and over	1	$100,000 to $199,999	15
250 to 500 wage earners	3			$200,000 to $499,999	9
				$500,000 to $999,999	1

Source: Census of Manufacturers: 1939, Manufacturers in Puerto Rico

a/ Excludes homeworkers

Table 4. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Orders, shipments, expenditures for labor and contract services in Puerto Rico, and employment, by type of product, 1942 and 1943

Item	Needlework industry, total		Gloves		Handkerchiefs		Art linens		Children's and infants' wear	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Number of firms reporting a/	81 a/	82 a/	8	11	29	24	8	5	12	15
Quantity of orders received (dozens)			141326	322520	2321886	3539862	48849	52387	129937	229659
Quantity of goods shipped (dozens)			140019	285641	2514609	2790367	59132	32913	156198	184660
Amount paid for labor and contract services in Puerto Rico	$2519886	$3618956	$512130	$1004803	$902032	$1253507	$83224	$71640	$245141	$306306
Amount paid to machine operators										
Factory workers	258241	250656	-	-	23043	21992	5917	2988	119069	125179
Homeworkers	24053	40267	-	-	9384	25948	261	869	8387	10615
Contract services b/	60611	159114	-	-	50255	131730	4484	7622	1240	14277
Amount paid to hand sewers										
Factory workers	187685	308316	27044	-	116178	263817	3469	4628	7050	9520
Homeworkers	1537813	2192090	447808	944356	518613	474919	50856	42283	39510	70240
Other wages, salaries, and commissions c/	451483	668513	37277	60447	184559	335101	18238	13250	69885	76475
Number of employees (average for the year) d/	20366 e/	28392	5661 e/	10005	6424 e/	6513	518 e/	745	847 e/	1337
Number of factory workers	3449	3865	182	175	1838	2426	68	61	493	547
Number of homeworkers	16633	24397	5458	9828	4449	4042	426	679	328	770
Number of agents	179	130	1	2	94	45	3	5	15	20

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Item	Cotton nightgowns		Ladies' underwear and nightwear (except cotton)		Ladies' blouses		Ladies' dresses		Needlepoint		Hand-crocheted articles	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Number of firms reporting a/	5	4	10	14	6	6	1	0	2	2	0	1
Quantity of orders received (dozens)	68227	37019	82706	100343	11902	30349	2692		6645	12585		961
Quantity of goods shipped (dozens)	63341	35143	65690	80812	12737	24829	2718		11637	10836		305
Amount paid for labor and contract services in Puerto Rico	$76280	$51364	$506792	$659281	$120507	$229858	$56477		$17303	$40387		$1810
Amount paid to machine operators												
Factory workers	8601	3783	47716	67600	24645	29050	29240		10	64		-
Homeworkers	5388	2266	514	-	55	89	-		64	480		-
Contract services b/	4327	5418	281	67	-	-	-		24	-		-
Amount paid to hand sewers												
Factory workers	2270	1456	17801	23560	4170	4064	8676		1027	1239		32
Homeworkers	42065	27333	347457	431947	78051	139396	2604		10849	29958		1658
Other wages, salaries, and commissions c/	13628	11108	93024	136108	13586	27258	15957		5329	8646		120
Number of employees (average for the year) d/	776 e/	529	4315	6877	1456	2086	186		183	300		f/
Number of factory workers	142	85	346	378	192	181	176		12	12		
Number of homeworkers	619	440	3936	6470	1240	1885	10		167	283		
Number of agents	5	4	33	29	24	20	-		4	5		

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Table 4. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Orders, shipments, expenditures for labor and contract services in Puerto Rico, and employment, by type of product, 1942 and 1943 (concluded)

Source: Based on special reports submitted monthly to the Mayaguez office of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor by Puerto Rican needlework manufacturers and contractors who receive goods from the mainland for processing. Such firms have been instructed to include in their reports the employment and pay rolls of their agents and branch shops as well as the value of subcontracts let in Puerto Rico and the estimated number of workers engaged on such subcontracts. Owing to the fact that coverage has not always been complete and that some of the figures are partially estimated, the statistics presented herein are not regarded as being precise but it is believed that they reveal the more significant trends in the needlework industry within the past two years.

a/ This figure represents the highest number of firms reporting in any one month during the year. Owing to the fact that a large number of firms make more than one product, the total for the industry as a whole includes a considerable amount of duplication. The extent of such duplication is indicated by the fact that 56 separate firms filed approximately 80 monthly reports during the latter part of 1943.

b/ This figure represents the value of contract services performed in Puerto Rico and is composed in large part of wages paid to machine operators in factories.

c/ This figure includes the compensation of factory workers engaged in occupations other than machine operating and hand sewing, clerical workers, managers, agents, etc.

d/ In some cases firms making more than one type of product include all of their employees in the report covering their principal product.

e/ The discrepancy between the total and its components is attributable to the fact that one or more firms did not show factory workers and homeworkers separately.

f/ Included in the figures for art linens.

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Table 5. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Number of homework permits issued to employers and sub-contractors, and number of homeworkers reported employed, fiscal years 1939-40 through 1942-43

Item	August 14, 1939 to June 30, 1940	July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941	July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942	July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943
Number of permits issued:	2,948 a/	957	598	298
To employers (manufacturers and representative contractors)	155 a/	124	156	136
To sub-contractors	2,793 a/	833 b/	442 b/	162 b/
Number of homeworkers employed as reported by licensed employers and sub-contractors:	39,039 a/	32,841	40,941	19,701
By employers	5,757 a/	4,288	20,973	12,241
By sub-contractors	33,282 a/	28,553	19,968	7,460

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Annual Report of the Commissioner of Labor, 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943

a/ Only 115 employers and 1,331 sub-contractors reported the number of homeworkers employed during this period.

b/ Reduction due to the fact that employers are eliminating the system of sub-contractors and are distributing work directly to the workers.

Table 5-A Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Number of homework permits issued and number of homeworkers reported, by location of employer, 1939-40 through 1941-42

Town	Number of permits issued to employers reporting			Number of homeworkers reported		
	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
Adjuntas	9	2	4	647	180	201
Aguada	53	54	24	1875	1862	927
Aguadilla	32	19	5	1579	1527	298
Aguas Buenas	3	1	2	67	5	17
Aibonito	48	-	-	718	-	-
Anasco	31	18	6	669	611	293
Arecibo	33	22	18	1816	992	2379
Arroyo	1	-	-	21	-	-
Barceloneta	5	2	2	275	103	47
Barranquitas	30	7	1	643	68	50
Bayamon	23	18	20	560	458	787
Cabo Rojo	85	96	40	3113	3883	3987
Caguas	7	6	7	175	224	267
Camuy	31	9	3	1029	398	169
Carolina	5	1	3	68	25	60
Catano	-	-	-	24	-	-
Cayey	29	6	4	371	139	198
Ceiba	1	-	-	4	-	-
Ciales	1	-	-	12	-	-
Cidra	4	4	-	99	38	-
Coamo	204	35	5	1322	263	1006
Comerio	-	-	1	11	-	28
Corozal	5	3	1	221	210	67
Dorado	1	-	-	15	-	-
Fajardo	1	-	-	24	-	-
Guanica	5	7	9	456	374	377
Guayama	8	5	7	303	62	356
Guayanilla	-	2	8	4	47	360
Gurabo	-	-	-	63	-	-
Hatillo	10	1	2	330	85	105
Hormigueros	6	8	4	272	260	682
Humacao	9	-	-	593	-	-
Isabela	20	6	2	760	467	39
Jayuya	2	3	1	23	351	86
Juana Diaz	11	10	11	176	249	368
Juncos	3	3	5	181	226	385
Lajas	39	51	29	1402	1800	1229
Lares	33	9	10	1976	1377	1146
Las Marias	16	3	5	498	62	143
Las Piedras	2	1	-	157	12	-
Loiza	6	3	1	111	131	38
Luquillo	1	-	1	-	-	157
Manati	7	-	-	220	-	-
Maricao	12	-	-	318	-	-
Maunabo	1	-	-	5	-	-
Mayaguez	123	94	63	3086	3695	9895

Table 5-A Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Number of homework permits issued and number of homeworkers reported, by location of employer, 1939-40 through 1941-42 (continued)

Town	Number of permits issued to employers reporting			Number of homeworkers reported		
	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
Moca	10	9	-	584	200	-
Morovis	8	4	2	198	106	53
Naguabo	1	1	1	8	4	443
Naranjito	4	-	2	150	-	51
Orocovis	28	10	6	858	256	413
Patillas	8	9	7	129	201	218
Peñuelas	6	1	2	282	-	25
Ponce	59	102	67	1390	3636	3119
Quebradillas	19	7	5	606	294	655
Rincón	41	51	12	1235	1733	446
Río Grande	6	4	2	237	213	63
Río Piedras	14	4	5	399	82	102
Sábana Grande	49	36	19	833	1040	2000
Salinas	3	-	-	40	-	-
San Germán	102	149	77	1759	2286	2458
San Juan	45	5	5	656	75	172
San Lorenzo	1	-	-	27	-	-
San Sebastián	42	15	20	1771	1030	1289
Santa Isabel	1	3	1	1	44	19
Santurce	-	15	16	-	314	712
Toa Alta	-	-	-	10	-	-
Trujillo Alto	3	-	1	37	-	139
Utuado	17	6	10	850	297	481
Vega Alta	3	1	5	47	10	279
Vega Baja	2	3	5	145	113	112
Villalba	7	7	17	119	307	525
Yabucoa	5	1	-	107	20	-
Yauco	6	5	7	269	346	1020
Total	1449	957	598	39039	32841	40941

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Annual Report of Commissioner of Labor 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1941-42

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Table 6. Needlework Industry: Value and percentage changes of shipments of needlework from Puerto Rico to the United States, 1935-39 average, and 1940 through 1942

Value of shipments to the United States a/	
1935 - 39 average	$16,000,000
1940	9,600,000
1941	10,600,000
1942	8,700,000
Percentage changes in value of shipments	
1942 compared to 1935-39 average	- 45.62
1942 compared to 1941	- 18.87
1942 compared to 1940	- 9.37

Source: Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, 78th Congress, First Session, Pursuant to Senate Resolution 26, authorizing an investigation of economic and social conditions in Puerto Rico, Part 1, Puerto Rico, February 10 - 19, 1943, pages 373 and 381.

a/ Figures do not represent values totally produced in Puerto Rico, because the materials for the needlework industry are imported. In a report prepared by the Governor's Committee for the study of the effect on Puerto Rico of the Fair Labor Standards Act, dated 1938, it was estimated that the value added to the imported materials in Puerto Rico, constitutes approximately 60 per cent of the total export value of needlework.

Table 7. Ocean freight rates for needlework cargo

Point of origin	Point of destination	Freight rate
San Juan) Mayaguez) Ponce)	New York	21 cents per cubic foot for "dry goods" (cotton piece goods or wearing apparel). War surcharge of 25 percent.
New York	San Juan) Mayaguez) Ponce)	23 cents per cubic foot for "dry goods" (cotton piece goods or wearing apparel). War surcharge of 25 percent.
The Madeira Islands) The Azores)	New York	$31 per long ton or 40 cubic feet. Ad valorem charge of 2-1/2 percent on declared value. War surcharge of 29 percent.

Source: Tariff schedules on file with Division of Regulation, United States Maritime Commission.

Table 8. Air express rates for needlework cargo

Point of origin	Point of destination	Rate
New York a/	Miami, Florida	42 cents per pound or fraction thereof plus valuation charge of 10 cents per $100.
Miami, Florida	San Juan	53 cents per pound or fraction thereof plus valuation charge of 35 cents per $100.

Source: Pan American Airways, Inc., Air Express Department

a/ Railway express rates from New York to Miami are approximately $6 per 100 pounds.

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Table 9. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distri
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average hourly earnings, March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulativ percentage
Less than 20	0	0	0
Exactly 20	28	21.4	21.4
20.1 to 20.9	5	3.8	25.2
21.0 to 21.9	11	8.4	33.6
22.0 to 22.9	37	28.2	61.8
23.0 to 23.9	3	2.3	64.1
24.0 to 24.9	15	11.4	75.5
25.0 to 25.9	9	6.9	82.4
26.0 to 26.9	4	3.0	85.4
27.0 to 27.9	1	.8	86.2
28.0 to 28.9	3	2.3	88.5
29.0 to 29.9	0	0	88.5
30.0 to 30.9	0	0	88.5
31.0 to 31.9	0	0	88.5
32.0 to 32.9	2	1.5	90.0
33.0 to 33.9	1	.8	90.8
34.0 to 34.9	0	0	90.8
35.0 to 35.9	1	.8	91.6
36.0 to 36.9	1	.8	92.4
37.0 to 37.9	2	1.5	93.9
38.0 to 38.9	0	0	93.9
39.0 to 39.9	1	.8	94.7
40.0 to 44.9	4	3.0	97.7
45.0 to 49.9	0	0	97.7
50.0 and over	3	2.3	100.0
Total	131	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of eight establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Three of the establishments were located in Mayaguez and one each in Aguasco, Cabo Rojo, Ponce, Rincón, and Yauco. The 131 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 24.7 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of HANDKERCHIEF factory workers (excluding hand sewers) according to average hourly earnings, January - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	5	1.3	1.3
Exactly 20	128	33.9	35.2
20.1 to 20.9	18	4.8	40.0
21.0 to 21.9	26	6.9	46.9
22.0 to 22.9	43	11.4	58.3
23.0 to 23.9	13	3.4	61.7
24.0 to 24.9	7	1.9	63.6
25.0 to 25.9	24	6.4	70.0
26.0 to 26.9	7	1.8	71.8
27.0 to 27.9	9	2.4	74.2
28.0 to 28.9	7	1.9	76.1
29.0 to 29.9	4	1.0	77.1
30.0 to 30.9	11	2.9	80.0
31.0 to 31.9	7	1.8	81.8
32.0 to 32.9	4	1.0	82.8
33.0 to 33.9	5	1.3	84.1
34.0 to 34.9	10	2.7	86.8
35.0 to 35.9	10	2.7	89.5
36.0 to 36.9	4	1.0	90.5
37.0 to 37.9	8	2.1	92.6
38.0 to 38.9	4	1.0	93.6
39.0 to 39.9	6	1.6	95.2
40.0 to 44.9	7	1.9	97.1
45.0 to 49.9	6	1.6	98.7
50.0 and over	5	1.3	100.0
Total	378	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of twelve establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Seven of the establishments were located in Mayaguez, two in San Germán, and one each in Cabo Rojo, Coamo, and Ponce. The 378 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 25.6 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

Table 11. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY HAND SEWERS according to average hourly earnings, September 1943 - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 12.5	13	1.8	1.8
Exactly 12.5	252	35.5	37.3
12.6 to 12.9	105	14.8	52.1
13.0 to 13.9	149	21.0	73.1
14.0 to 14.9	63	8.9	82.0
15.0 to 15.9	50	7.1	89.1
16.0 to 16.9	29	4.1	93.2
17.0 to 17.9	23	3.3	96.5
18.0 to 18.9	18	2.5	99.0
19.0 to 19.9	6	0.9	99.9
20.0 and over	1	0.1	100.0
Total	709	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of ten establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Four of the establishments were located in Mayaguez, three in Cabo Rojo, two in San Germán, and one in Ponce. The 709 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 13.5 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 12-1/2 cents an hour.

Table 12. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of ART LINEN factory workers (excluding hand sewers) according to average hourly earnings, February - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	0	0	0
Exactly 20	21	30.4	30.4
20.1 to 20.9	2	2.9	33.3
21.0 to 21.9	3	4.4	37.7
22.0 to 22.9	7	10.1	47.8
23.0 to 23.9	1	1.4	49.2
24.0 to 24.9	2	2.9	52.1
25.0 to 25.9	7	10.1	62.2
26.0 to 26.9	2	2.9	65.1
27.0 to 27.9	4	5.8	70.9
28.0 to 28.9	2	2.9	73.8
29.0 to 29.9	2	2.9	76.7
30.0 to 30.9	3	4.4	81.1
31.0 to 31.9	3	4.4	85.5
32.0 to 32.9	0	0	85.5
33.0 to 33.9	1	1.5	87.0
34.0 to 34.9	2	2.9	89.9
35.0 to 35.9	1	1.4	91.3
36.0 to 36.9	1	1.5	92.8
37.0 to 37.9	2	2.9	95.7
38.0 to 38.9	0	0	95.7
39.0 to 39.9	1	1.4	97.1
40.0 to 44.9	1	1.5	98.6
45.0 to 49.9	0	0	98.6
50.0 and over	1	1.4	100.0
Total	69	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of four establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. All of the establishments were located in Mayaguez. The 69 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 26.0 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

Table 13. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR factory workers (excluding hand sewers on infants' wear) according to average hourly earnings, January - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	23	5.5	5.5
Exactly 20	144	34.4	39.9
20.1 to 20.9	23	5.5	45.4
21.0 to 21.9	23	5.5	50.9
22.0 to 22.9	36	8.6	59.5
23.0 to 23.9	18	4.3	63.8
24.0 to 24.9	10	2.4	66.2
25.0 to 25.9	15	3.6	69.8
26.0 to 26.9	21	5.0	74.8
27.0 to 27.9	10	2.4	77.2
28.0 to 28.9	11	2.6	79.8
29.0 to 29.9	5	1.2	81.0
30.0 to 30.9	9	2.1	83.1
31.0 to 31.9	7	1.7	84.8
32.0 to 32.9	9	2.1	86.9
33.0 to 33.9	2	.5	87.4
34.0 to 34.9	7	1.7	89.1
35.0 to 35.9	4	1.0	90.1
36.0 to 36.9	4	1.0	91.1
37.0 to 37.9	7	1.7	92.8
38.0 to 38.9	2	.5	93.3
39.0 to 39.9	5	1.2	94.5
40.0 to 44.9	9	2.1	96.6
45.0 to 49.9	7	1.7	98.3
50.0 and over	7	1.7	100.0
Total	418	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of eleven establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Seven of the establishments were located in Mayaguez, two in Arecibo, and one each in Hatillo and Lajas. The 418 workers included in the survey had average hourly earnings of 25.0 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

Table 14. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of UNDERWEAR AND NIGHTWEAR (except silk) factory workers (excluding hand sewers) according to average hourly earnings, February - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	5	1.6	1.6
Exactly 20	152	47.9	49.5
20.1 to 20.9	18	5.7	55.2
21.0 to 21.9	7	2.2	57.4
22.0 to 22.9	50	15.8	73.2
23.0 to 23.9	4	1.3	74.5
24.0 to 24.9	5	1.6	76.1
25.0 to 25.9	22	6.9	83.0
26.0 to 26.9	3	.9	83.9
27.0 to 27.9	4	1.3	85.2
28.0 to 28.9	8	2.5	87.7
29.0 to 29.9	4	1.3	89.0
30.0 to 30.9	5	1.6	90.6
31.0 to 31.9	1	.3	90.9
32.0 to 32.9	3	.9	91.8
33.0 to 33.9	0	0	91.8
34.0 to 34.9	3	.9	92.7
35.0 to 35.9	3	.9	93.6
36.0 to 36.9	1	.3	93.9
37.0 to 37.9	4	1.3	95.2
38.0 to 38.9	1	.3	95.5
39.0 to 39.9	0	0	95.5
40.0 to 44.9	4	1.3	96.8
45.0 to 49.9	4	1.3	98.1
50.0 and over	6	1.9	100.0
Total	317	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of eight establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Three of the establishments were located in Coamo, two each in Mayaguez and Arecibo, and one in Yauco. The 317 workers included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 23.7 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

Table 15. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of BLOUSE AND NECKWEAR factory workers (including hand sewers) according to average hourly earnings, March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	2	1.8	1.8
Exactly 20	55	48.2	50.0
20.1 to 20.9	12	10.5	60.5
21.0 to 21.9	8	7.0	67.5
22.0 to 22.9	9	7.9	75.4
23.0 to 23.9	4	3.5	78.9
24.0 to 24.9	4	3.5	82.4
25.0 to 25.9	6	5.2	87.6
26.0 to 26.9	1	.9	88.5
27.0 to 27.9	6	5.2	93.7
28.0 to 28.9	0	.0	93.7
29.0 to 29.9	1	.9	94.6
30.0 to 30.9	2	1.8	96.4
31.0 to 31.9	1	.9	97.3
32.0 to 32.9	0	0	97.3
33.0 to 33.9	0	0	97.3
34.0 to 34.9	0	0	97.3
35.0 to 35.9	0	0	97.3
36.0 to 36.9	1	.9	98.2
37.0 to 37.9	0	0	98.2
38.0 to 38.9	0	0	98.2
39.0 to 39.9	0	0	98.2
40.0 to 44.9	0	0	98.2
45.0 to 49.9	0	0	98.2
50.0 and over	2	1.8	100.0
Total	114	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of four establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Three of the establishments manufactured ladies' blouses and one ladies' neckwear. Two of the establishments were located in Ponce, and one each in Lajas and Mayaguez. The 114 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 22.5 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour. The hand sewers comprised a small number of sample makers.

Table 16. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Frequency distribution of NEEDLEPOINT factory workers (excluding hand sewers) according to average hourly earnings, February - March 1944 a/

Average hourly earning interval (cents)	Number of workers	Simple percentage	Cumulative percentage
Less than 20	0	0	0
Exactly 20	4	30.8	30.8
20.1 to 20.9	0	0	30.8
21.0 to 21.9	0	0	30.8
22.0 to 22.9	2	15.4	46.2
23.0 to 23.9	0	0	46.2
24.0 to 24.9	0	0	46.2
25.0 to 25.9	4	30.7	76.9
26.0 to 26.9	0	0	76.9
27.0 to 27.9	0	0	76.9
28.0 to 28.9	0	0	76.9
29.0 to 29.9	0	0	76.9
30.0 to 30.9	0	0	76.9
31.0 to 31.9	0	0	76.9
32.0 to 32.9	0	0	76.9
33.0 to 33.9	0	0	76.9
34.0 to 34.9	0	0	76.9
35.0 to 35.9	0	0	76.9
36.0 to 36.9	0	0	76.9
37.0 to 37.9	2	15.4	92.3
38.0 to 38.9	0	0	92.3
39.0 to 39.9	0	0	92.3
40.0 to 44.9	0	0	92.3
45.0 to 49.9	0	0	92.3
50.0 and over	1	7.7	100.0
Total	13	100.0	

Source: Based on a survey of three establishments conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944. Two of the establishments were located in Vega Alta and one in Mayaguez. The 13 employees included in the sample had average hourly earnings of 28.0 cents.

a/ Applicable minimum under Federal wage order - 20 cents an hour.

Table 17. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Estimated percentage of factory employees (excluding hand sewers) who would be directly affected by the adoption of various possible minimum wage rates based on the structure existing during a pay roll period in the first quarter of 1944, by type of product

Minimum hourly wage rate (cents)	Percentage of factory employees affected						
	Gloves	Handkerchiefs	Art linens	Infants' and children's wear a/	Underwear and nightwear	Blouses and neckwear b/	Needlepoint
21	25.2	40.0	33.3	45.4	55.2	60.5	30.8
22	33.6	46.9	37.7	50.9	57,4	67.5	30.8
23	61.8	58.3	47.8	59.5	73.2	75.4	46.2
24	64.1	61.7	49.2	63.3	74.5	78.9	46.2
25	75.5	63.6	52.1	66.2	76.1	82.4	46.2
26	82.4	70.0	62.2	69.8	83.0	87.6	76.9
27	85.4	71.8	65.1	74.8	83.9	88.5	76.9
28	86.2	74.2	70.9	77.2	85.2	93.7	76.9
29	88.5	76.1	73.8	79.8	87.7	93.7	76.9
30	88.5	77.1	76.7	81.0	89.0	94.6	76.9
31	88.5	80.0	81.1	83.1	90.6	96.4	76.9
32	88.5	81.8	85.5	84.8	90.9	97.3	76.9
33	90.0	82.8	85.5	86.9	91.8	97.3	76.9
34	90.8	84.1	87.0	87.4	91.8	97.3	76.9
35	90.8	86.8	89.9	89.1	92.7	97.3	76.9
36	91.6	89.5	91.3	90.1	93.6	97.3	76.9
37	92.4	90.5	92.8	91.1	93.9	98.2	76.9
38	93.9	92.6	95.7	92.8	95.2	98.2	92.3
39	93.9	93.6	95.7	93.3	95.5	98.2	92.3
40	94.7	95.2	97.1	94.5	95.5	98.2	92.3
Number of establishments	8	12	4	11	8	4	3
Number of employees	131	378	69	418	317	114	13
Average hourly earnings	24.7	25.6	26.0	25.0	23.7	22.5	28.0

Source: Based on a survey conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944.

a/ Includes a small number of hand sewers on children's wear.

b/ Includes a small number of hand sewers.

Table 18. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Estimated percentage increase in factory labor costs (excluding hand-sewing operations) which would result directly from the adoption of various possible minimum wage rates based on the structure existing during a pay roll period in the first quarter of 1944, by type of product

Minimum hourly wage rate (cents)	Percentage increase in factory labor costs						
	Gloves	Handkerchiefs	Art linens	Infants' and children's wear a/	Underwear and nightwear	Blouses and neckwear b/	Needlepoint
21	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.7	2.2	2.5	1.1
22	2.1	3.2	2.6	3.6	4.6	5.3	2.2
23	4.1	5.2	4.2	5.8	7.4	8.5	3.6
24	6.6	7.5	6.1	8.3	10.5	11.9	5.2
25	9.4	10.0	8.1	10.9	13.7	15.5	6.9
26	12.6	12.6	10.3	13.6	17.0	19.3	9.1
27	16.0	15.4	12.7	16.5	20.5	23.2	11.8
28	19.5	18.2	15.3	19.6	24.1	27.3	14.5
29	23.0	21.1	18.1	22.7	27.8	31.5	17.3
30	26.6	24.1	21.0	25.9	31.5	35.7	20.0
31	30.2	27.2	24.0	29.2	35.3	39.9	22.8
32	33.8	30.3	27.2	32.6	39.1	44.3	25.5
33	37.4	33.5	30.5	36.0	43.0	48.6	28.3
34	41.1	36.8	33.8	39.5	46.9	52.9	31.0
35	44.7	40.1	37.2	43.0	50.8	57.3	33.7
36	48.4	43.6	40.7	46.6	54.7	61.6	36.5
37	52.1	47.1	44.3	50.2	58.7	66.0	39.2
38	55.9	50.6	47.9	53.9	62.7	70.3	42.2
39	59.7	54.3	51.5	57.6	66.7	74.7	45.5
40	63.5	58.0	55.3	61.4	70.8	79.1	48.8
Number of establishments	8	12	4	11	8	4	3
Number of employees	131	378	69	418	317	114	13
Average hourly earnings	24.7	25.6	26.0	25.0	23.7	22.5	28.0

Source: Based on a survey conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944.

a/ Includes a small amount of hand-sewing operations on children's wear.

b/ Includes a small amount of hand-sewing operations.

Table 19. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Estimated percentage of HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY HAND SEWERS who would be directly affected by, and estimated percentage increase in wage bills which would result directly from, the adoption of various possible minimum wage rates based on the structure existing during a pay roll period from September 1943 through March 1944

Minimum hourly wage rate (cents)	Estimated percentage of employees affected	Estimated percentage increase in wage bill
13	52.1	2.7
14	73.1	7.3
15	82.0	13.1
16	89.1	19.4
17	93.2	26.1
18	96.5	33.1
19	99.0	40.3
20	99.9	47.7
21	100.0	55.0
22	100.0	62.4
23	100.0	69.8
24	100.0	77.2
25	100.0	84.6
30	100.0	121.5
35	100.0	158.4
40	100.0	195.3
Number of establishments	10	
Number of employees	709	
Average hourly earnings	13.5	

Source: Based on a survey conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944.

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Table 19. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Estimated percentage of HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY HAND SEWERS who would be directly affected by, and estimated percentage increase in wage bills which would result directly from, the adoption of various possible minimum wage rates based on the structure existing during a pay roll period from September 1943 through March 1944

Minimum hourly wage rate (cents)	Estimated percentage of employees affected	Estimated percentage increase in wage bill
13	52.1	2.7
14	73.1	7.3
15	82.0	13.1
16	89.1	19.4
17	93.2	26.1
18	96.5	33.1
19	99.0	40.3
20	99.9	47.7
21	100.0	55.0
22	100.0	62.4
23	100.0	69.8
24	100.0	77.2
25	100.0	84.6
30	100.0	121.5
35	100.0	158.4
40	100.0	195.3
Number of establishments	10	
Number of employees	709	
Average hourly earnings	13.5	

Source: Based on a survey conducted by the Puerto Rico Regional Office of the Wage and Hour Division in March 1944.

Table 20 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Hours and earnings of factory workers by type of product, fiscal years 1939-40 through 1941-42 a/

Type of product	Number of establishments			Number of employees and wage earners			Hours actually worked during week			Average earnings (dollars) Hourly			Average earnings (dollars) Weekly		
	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942
Needlework industry, total	113 b/	29 c/	94 d/	5,326 b/	1,892 c/	5,654 d/	30.6 b/	32.6 c/	30.0 d/	.183 b/	.181 c/	.19 d/	5.62 b/	5.90 c/	5.70 d/
Blouses (waists)	3	1	1	36	12	67	21.9	38.6	28.8	.261	.256	.209	5.73	9.92	6.03
Children's wear (garments)	14	2	13	1,406	152	838	28.5	30.6	28.9	.186	.205	.216	5.32	6.28	6.24
Gloves	2	2	2	41	83	157	30.3	31.1	30.1	.297	.222	.209	9.00	6.90	6.32
Handkerchiefs and table linen	33	5	24	1,349	106	2,038	27.6	24.6	25.9	.203	.219	.176	5.62	5.39	4.58
Laces	-	-	1	-	-	80	-	-	35.6	-	-	.219	-	-	7.79
Women's underwear	33	1	13	932	152	650	30.1	28.8	27.0	.165	.204	.208	4.98	5.89	5.62
Women's wear (dresses)	4	3	2	321	181	131	36.1	36.9	37.8	.231	.215	.213	8.34	7.96	8.05
Rugs	-	1	3	-	71	171	-	30.1	26.8	-	.232	.237	-	7.00	6.35
Tapestry	1	-	2	10	-	18	38.4	-	38.7	.134	-	.186	5.15	-	7.18
Men's underwear	-	-	1	-	-	21	-	-	34.6	-	-	.224	-	-	7.75
Men's wear															
Pants	14	9	17	278	288	417	32.8	33.5	35.2	.143	.141	.161	4.70	4.72	5.68
Shirts	5	4	9	443	489	544	30.1	35.8	36.2	.148	.160	.176	5.64	5.72	6.39
Suits	5	2	6	520	429	646	34.6	30.8	36.3	.176	.185	.194	6.08	5.71	7.06
Tailor's shops	2	-	1	16	-	10	22.9	-	45.6	.141	-	.126	3.22	-	5.75
Needlework - miscellaneous	-	-	4	-	-	55	-	-	32.1	-	-	.159	-	-	5.12

Source: Annual Reports of the Governor of Puerto Rico, 1940, 1941, and 1942, based on surveys conducted by inspectors of the Department of Labor of the Government of Puerto Rico. The studies included establishments producing exclusively for local trade as well as those producing for interstate shipment.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.
b/ Exclusive of tailor shops and tapestry.
c/ Exclusive of rugs.
d/ Exclusive of rugs and tapestry.

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Table 21. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly and weekly earnings and hours of labor of factory workers, by type of product and by sex, 1940-41 and 1941-42.a/

Type of product and sex of workers	Number of establishments inspected		Number of employees and wage earners		Days and hours per week — Average Days worked				Hours worked				Hourly and weekly earnings — Average Hourly				Weekly			
	1940-41	1941-42	1940-41	1941-42	1940-41		1941-42		1940-41		1941-42		1940-41		1941-42		1940-41		1941-42	
Needlework industry																				
Males	22	77	311	600	4.9		4.9		36.6		36.1		$.200		$.242		$7.66		$8.75	
Females	29	92	1581	5044	4.3		4.2		31.9		29.3		.174		.182		5.55		5.33	
Total	29	94	1892	5644	4.4		4.2		32.6		30.0		.181		.19		5.90		5.70	
Children's garments																				
Males	1	11	2	39	5.0		4.3		40.0		35.5		.225		.294		9.00		10.43	
Females	2	13	150	799	4.1		4.3		30.6		28.5		.205		.211		6.28		6.04	
Total	2	13	152	838	4.1		4.3		30.6		28.9		.205		.216		6.28		6.24	
Gloves																				
Males	2	2	5	3	4.2		4.3		27.9		27.3		.236		.20		6.58		5.47	
Females	2	2	78	154	4.9		4.8		31.3		30.2		.221		.21		6.92		6.33	
Total	2	2	83	157	4.9		4.8		31.1		30.1		.222		.209		6.90		6.32	
Handkerchief and art-linen																				
Males	4	20	25	163	3.0		4.3		20.7		29.2		.199		.26		4.11		7.61	
Females	5	24	81	1875	3.7		3.7		25.9		25.7		.223		.168		5.79		4.32	
Total	5	24	106	2038	3.5		3.7		24.6		25.9		.219		.176		5.39		4.58	
Men's shirts																				
Males	4	7	74	84	5.7		5.4		44.0		40.2		.214		.21		9.44		8.45	
Females	4	9	415	460	4.6		5.0		34.3		35.5		.147		.169		5.06		6.01	
Total	4	9	489	544	4.8		5.1		35.8		36.2		.160		.176		5.72		6.39	
Men's suits																				
Males	2	5	155	179	4.7		5.1		34.7		38.5		.208		.228		7.23		8.77	
Females	2	6	274	467	4.0		4.8		28.7		35.5		.169		.18		4.86		6.41	
Total	2	6	429	646	4.2		4.9		30.8		36.3		.185		.194		5.71		7.06	

Table 21. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly and weekly earnings and hours of labor of factory workers, by type of product and by sex, 1940-41 and 1941-42. a/

Type of product and sex of workers	Number of establishments inspected		Number of employees and wage earners		Days and hours per week: Average Days worked		Days and hours per week: Average Hours worked		Hourly and weekly earnings: Average Hourly		Hourly and weekly earnings: Average Weekly	
	1940 1941	1941 1942	1940 1941	1941 1942	1940 1941	1941 1942	1940 1941	1941 1942	1940 1941	1941 1942	1940 1941	1941 1942
Men's underwear												
Males	-	1	---	4	---	5.2	---	43.0	---	.231	---	9.96
Females	-	1	---	17	---	4.1	---	32.7	---	.221	---	7.23
Total	-	1	---	21	---	4.4	---	34.6	---	.224	---	7.75
Men's pants												
Males	7	13	38	67	5.4	5.5	41.1	42.8	$.166	$.229	$7.22	$9.80
Females	9	17	250	350	4.0	4.5	32.4	33.7	.134	.145	4.35	4.90
Total	9	17	288	417	4.5	4.7	33.5	35.2	.141	.161	4.72	5.68
Waists (blouses)												
Males	-	1	---	7	---	5.0	---	33.3	---	.238	---	7.96
Females	1	1	12	60	4.8	4.0	38.6	28.3	.256	.205	9.92	5.80
Total	1	1	12	67	4.8	4.1	38.6	28.8	.256	.209	9.92	6.03
Women's dresses												
Males	1	2	10	11	5.0	5.0	38.0	40.0	.310	.281	11.80	11.26
Females	3	2	171	120	4.9	4.8	36.9	37.6	.209	.206	7.73	7.75
Total	3	2	181	131	4.9	4.8	36.9	37.8	.215	.213	7.96	8.05
Women's underwear												
Males	1	10	2	38	5.0	4.3	40.0	32.6	.225	.315	9.00	10.25
Females	1	13	150	612	3.9	3.9	28.7	26.6	.204	.20	5.85	5.33
Total	1	13	152	650	3.9	3.9	28.8	27.0	.204	.208	5.89	5.62

Source: Annual Reports of the Governor of Puerto Rico, 1941 and 1942, based on surveys conducted during the respective fiscal years by inspectors of the Department of Labor of the Government of Puerto Rico. The studies included establishments producing exclusively for local trade as well as those producing for interstate shipment.

a/ Data cover only one payroll period in year for each plant inspected.

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Table 22. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the blouse branch by occupation 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
1	All occupations	67	28.9	.209	6.03
	Classifiers	3	37.3	.247	9.23
	Distributors	4	38.5	.206	7.92
	Finishers	6	29.0	.201	5.85
	Mechanics	1	20.0	.40	8.00
	Packers	5	37.0	.227	8.40
	Revisers	5	35.6	.205	7.29
	Sewers (hand)	1	35.0	.15	5.25
	Sewers (machine)	41	25.3	.202	5.12
	Timekeepers	1	38.5	.208	8.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table. 23 Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the children's wear branch by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
13	All occupations	838	28.9	.216	6.24
	Button hole makers	6	29.0	.202	5.86
	Button sewers	7	17.6	.20	3.53
	Chauffeurs	2	40.0	.262	10.50
	Common laborers	3	33.0	.202	6.66
	Cutters (hand)	2	31.9	.134	4.27
	Cutters (machine)	2	36.0	.40	14.40
	Delivery clerks	10	36.3	.212	7.68
	Distributors	8	33.8	.208	6.82
	Embroiderers and drawn workers	2	31.0	.129	4.00
	Exhibitors	3	34.6	.208	7.20
	Finishers	24	21.6	.148	3.21
	Fitters	3	40.0	.316	12.66
	Folders	5	33.4	.255	8.53
	Instructors	5	40.0	.225	9.00
	Ironers	45	17.1	.225	3.84
	Janitors	4	40.0	.206	8.25
	Labelers	2	40.0	.15	6.00
	Mechanics (sewing machines)	8	39.5	.345	13.65
	Mechanics helpers	2	40.0	.20	8.00
	Packers	8	31.0	.208	6.45
	Receiving clerks	3	39.3	.153	6.00
	Revisers	53	34.2	.46	15.75
	Sewers (hand)	14	31.8	.153	4.87
	Sewers (machine)	575	28.3	.21	5.95
	Shop attendants	12	40.0	.481	19.25
	Stain removers	1	36.0	.20	7.20
	Stampers	5	24.7	.207	5.12
	Supervisors	13	38.3	.259	9.92
	Trimmers	11	28.0	.158	4.44

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 24 Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the glove branch by occupation 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
2	All occupations	157	30.1	.209	6.31
	Chauffeurs	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Distributors	13	34.8	.202	7.04
	Janitors	2	21.0	.20	4.20
	Packers	2	33.6	.203	6.83
	Receiving clerks	26	34.5	.214	7.39
	Sewers (hand)	92	27.6	.19	5.26
	Shop attendants	1	40.0	.375	15.00
	Stampers	11	29.6	.274	8.12
	Supervisors	9	36.3	.274	9.95

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 25. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the handkerchief and table linen branches, by occupation 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	weekly (dollars)
24	All occupations	2038	25.9	.176	4.56
	Chauffeurs	3	40.0	.216	8.66
	Classifiers	15	22.0	.215	4.74
	Common laborers	7	28.9	.20	5.78
	Cutters (hand)	135	23.5	.217	5.10
	Cutters (machine)	18	29.6	.204	6.05
	Delivery clerks	7	27.3	.219	6.00
	Distributors	10	33.0	.206	6.80
	Embroiderers and drawn workers	2	4.2	.154	.65
	Finishers	5	5.1	.20	1.02
	Folders	79	20.8	.207	4.31
	Ironers	258	19.9	.218	4.35
	Janitors	3	38.5	.20	7.72
	Labelers	4	10.3	.20	2.06
	Mechanics (sewing machine)	7	36.9	.442	16.31
	Messengers	3	28.0	.164	4.60
	Packers	79	26.2	.20	5.24
	Receiving clerks	45	34.9	.197	6.88
	Revisers	16	32.3	.20	6.46
	Samples makers	3	37.3	.125	4.66
	Sewers (hand)	946	27.9	.123	3.42
	Sewers (machine)	236	27.1	.247	6.70
	Shop attendants	22	39.0	.322	12.56
	Stain removers	5	35.2	.204	7.20
	Stampers	45	24.3	.206	5.01
	Supervisors	32	34.9	.209	7.28
	Thread drawers	12	33.3	.125	4.16
	Trimmers	5	10.8	.20	2.16
	Washers	31	21.9	.208	4.55

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table. 26 Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the lace branch by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
1	All occupations	80	35.6	.218	7.79
	Common laborers	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Ironers	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Machine workers	52	38.2	.225	8.59
	Revisers	21	27.7	.203	5.64
	Shop attendants	1	40.0	.25	10.00
	Supervisors	4	40.0	.20	8.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

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Table. 27 Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the men's underwear branch by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
1	All occupations	21	34.6	.224	7.75
	Common laborers	2	36.0	.142	5.12
	Finishers	3	32.0	.184	5.91
	Folders	1	32.0	.18	5.75
	Ironers	3	32.0	.247	7.92
	Material spreaders	1	48.0	.167	8.00
	Revisers	2	32.0	.125	4.00
	Sewers (hand)	6	32.0	.257	8.22
	Shop attendants	1	44.0	.318	14.00
	Washers	1	40.0	.275	11.00
	Weavers	1	44.0	.341	15.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table. 28 Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the men's wear (pants) branch by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
17	All occupations	417	35.2	.161	5.68
	Button hole makers	3	27.6	.167	4.62
	Button sewers	4	30.5	.145	4.44
	Clerks	1	48.0	.208	10.00
	Common laborers	9	46.6	.139	6.48
	Cutters (hand)	1	31.0	.125	3.89
	Cutters (machine)	14	46.0	.308	14.15
	Delivery clerks	3	48.0	.153	7.33
	Designers	1	48.0	.417	20.00
	Finishers	16	21.2	.135	2.86
	Ironers	44	36.7	.154	5.66
	Janitors	3	44.8	.121	5.33
	Labelers	1	44.0	.134	5.88
	Material spreaders	5	48.0	.146	7.00
	Mechanics (sewing machine)	1	44.0	.273	12.00
	Packers	1	48.0	.104	5.00
	Revisers	5	46.4	.138	6.40
	Salesmen	6	48.0	.406	19.50
	Sewers (machine)	296	33.8	.147	4.98
	Shop attendants	2	44.0	.312	15.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 29 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the men's wear (shirts) branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
9	All occupations	544	36.2	.176	6.39
	Apprentices	9	35.4	.126	4.48
	Button hole makers	15	38.5	.19	7.33
	Button sewers	5	29.2	.194	5.68
	Common laborers	10	45.2	.188	8.50
	Cutters (machine)	15	39.0	.28	10.94
	Delivery clerks	7	45.7	.218	9.97
	Finishers	17	35.2	.138	4.88
	Hemmers	2	40.5	.152	6.15
	Ironers	82	32.1	.183	5.87
	Labelers	3	34.7	.144	5.01
	Material spreaders	6	48.0	.157	7.53
	Mechanics (sewing machine)	3	46.7	.536	25.00
	Mechanic helpers (sewing machine)	2	27.0	.324	8.75
	Packers	16	41.9	.148	6.19
	Perforators	5	45.6	.123	5.61
	Receiving clerks	2	46.0	.144	6.61
	Revisers	21	41.5	.165	6.84
	Sewers (hand)	4	41.0	.162	6.65
	Sewers (machine)	306	35.6	.168	5.98
	Shop attendants	4	40.0	.234	9.35
	Stampers	2	44.0	.163	7.20
	Supervisors	2	46.0	.304	14.00
	Thread drawers	3	10.6	.121	1.28
	Timekeepers	3	44.0	.191	8.40

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 30 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the men's wear (suits) branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
6	All occupations	646	36.3	.194	7.06
	Apprentices	16	30.2	.104	3.13
	Button hole makers	4	35.6	.14	4.98
	Button sewers	4	43.0	.155	6.67
	Common laborers	2	52.0	.125	6.50
	Cutters (hand)	8	41.5	.299	12.42
	Cutters (machine)	12	45.3	.279	12.61
	Delivery clerks	10	43.7	.188	8.22
	Distributors	9	40.0	.162	6.49
	Finishers	22	41.8	.141	5.90
	Folders	5	40.0	.141	5.64
	Ironers	61	35.8	.209	7.48
	Janitors	2	35.5	.213	7.55
	Labelers	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Material spreaders	8	47.0	.143	6.75
	Mechanic (sewing machine)	8	32.0	.383	12.25
	Mechanic helpers	3	38.6	.125	4.83
	Messengers	2	46.0	.094	4.33
	Packers	3	45.3	.111	5.05
	Revisers	12	39.3	.186	7.30
	Salesmen	6	48.0	0.538	25.83
	Sewers (hand)	11	29.3	.166	4.87
	Sewers (machine)	403	34.7	.175	6.07
	Shop attendants	1	48.0	.521	25.00
	Stain removers	1	31.5	.159	5.00
	Stampers	7	43.3	.15	6.48
	Stokers	1	48.0	.354	17.00
	Supervisors	9	43.8	.278	12.18
	Tailors	6	48.0	.412	19.76
	Trimmers	6	31.7	.195	6.18
	Wetters	3	45.3	.255	11.58

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 31 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the miscellaneous needlework branches, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
4	All occupations	55	32.1	.159	5.12
	Cutters (hand)	2	48.0	.188	9.00
	Ironers	1	21.0	.20	4.20
	Janitors	1	23.0	.20	4.60
	Machine workers	2	40.0	.20	8.00
	Packers	4	17.0	.20	3.40
	Receiving clerks	2	28.0	.214	6.00
	Sewers (hand)	21	35.6	.126	4.50
	Sewers (machine)	16	32.1	.168	5.39
	Shop attendants	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Stain removers	3	26.6	.20	5.33
	Stampers	2	19.2	.216	4.15

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspection.

Table 32 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the rug branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
3	All occupations	171	26.8	.237	6.36
	Carpenters	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Classifiers	4	34.0	.212	7.20
	Common laborers	4	39.6	.20	7.95
	Cutters (machine)	6	31.7	.253	8.01
	Designers	1	16.0	.25	4.00
	Dyers	4	30.2	.271	8.20
	Ironers	1	12.0	.20	2.40
	Janitors	1	30.0	.20	6.00
	Machine workers	3	19.5	.232	4.53
	Receiving clerks	3	32.7	.212	6.93
	Rug trimmers	3	34.0	.343	11.68
	Sewers (hand)	9	19.1	.19	3.63
	Sewers (machine)	20	31.4	.236	7.41
	Shop attendants	1	46.0	.347	15.97
	Stampers	7	28.3	.209	5.91
	Stokers	1	40.0	.20	8.00
	Timekeepers	1	47.0	.341	16.05
	Tufters	89	26.7	.243	6.50
	Weavers	12	9.9	.125	1.24

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 33 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the tailor's shop branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
1	All occupations	10	45.6	.126	5.75
	Ironers	1	24.0	.146	3.50
	Messengers	1	48.0	.042	2.00
	Sewers (machine)	8	48.0	.135	6.50

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 34. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the tapestry branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
2	All occupations	18	38.7	.186	7.18
	Attendants	1	40.0	.45	18.00
	Common laborers	3	41.3	.133	5.50
	Ironers	2	40.0	.20	8.00
	Sewers (machine)	3	44.0	.134	5.92
	Stampers	7	34.3	.142	4.86
	Storekeeper	1	40.0	.30	12.00
	Upholsterers	1	40.0	.375	15.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 35 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the women's underwear branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
13	All occupations	650	26.9	.208	5.62
	Basters	3	40.0	.157	6.30
	Chauffeurs	1	40.0	.309	12.37
	Classifiers	2	19.0	.216	4.10
	Common laborers	4	29.0	.234	6.80
	Cutters (machine)	14	33.9	.366	12.43
	Delivery clerks	1	36.0	.225	8.10
	Designers	6	40.5	.186	7.55
	Distributors	7	36.1	.20	7.23
	Embroiderers and drawn workers	127	22.7	.116	2.63
	Finishers	19	26.5	.157	4.17
	Folders	6	19.4	.232	4.51
	Instructors	2	40.0	.275	11.00
	Ironers	11	18.8	.191	3.61
	Janitors	1	40.0	.225	9.00
	Mechanics (sewing machine)	3	23.0	.27	6.22
	Packers	2	23.6	.225	5.32
	Receiving clerks	14	22.4	.218	4.88
	Revisers	71	28.1	.244	6.87
	Sample makers	11	34.4	.145	4.99
	Sewers (hand)	122	22.4	.158	3.53
	Sewers (machine)	178	30.6	.234	7.16
	Shop attendants	22	37.4	.403	15.07
	Stampers	21	24.7	.215	5.30
	Washers	2	24.0	.194	4.65

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table 36 . Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings and average weekly hours of factory workers in the women's wear (dresses) branch, by occupation, 1941-1942 a/

Number of establishments inspected	Occupation	Number of workers	Hours actually worked	Earnings	
				Hourly (dollars)	Weekly (dollars)
2	All occupations	131	37.8	.213	8.05
	Cutters (machine)	9	39.1	.291	11.38
	Embroiderers and drawn workers	13	31.3	.238	7.47
	Finishers	19	38.9	.176	6.86
	Ironers	6	35.9	.19	6.85
	Mechanics (sewing machine)	1	40.0	.45	18.00
	Messengers	1	48.0	.073	3.50
	Packers	1	40.0	.30	12.00
	Revisers	2	40.0	.225	9.00
	Sewers (hand)	6	40.0	.098	3.95
	Sewers (machine)	62	38.4	.202	7.78
	Supervisors	5	40.0	.425	17.00
	Thread drawers	2	22.0	.20	4.40
	Trimmers	4	40.0	.20	8.00

Source: Government of Puerto Rico, Department of Labor, Industrial Supervision Service, Labor Statistics Section, special tabulation prepared for the Wage and Hour Division.

a/ Data cover only one pay roll period in year for each plant inspected.

Table A .. Puerto Rican Needlework Industry: Federal minimum wage rates by type of product and operation

Product	Hand sewing operations a/	Other operations	Effective date
Cotton underwear and infants' underwear	12-1/2	20	December 2, 1940
Gloves			
Leather	18	20	February 19, 1941
Woven and knitted fabric	15	20	February 19, 1941
Handkerchief and household art linens	12-1/2	20	December 2, 1940
Infants' wear	12-1/2	20	December 2, 1940
Miscellaneous handwork	12-1/2	20	January 5, 1942
Needlepoint and hand-hooked rugs	12-1/2	20	December 2, 1940
Silk underwear	15	22-1/2	December 2, 1940
Wearing apparel	20	20	December 2, 1940

Source: Wage orders issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act pursuant to the recommendations of Special Industry Committee No. 1 for Puerto Rico.

a/ Hand sewing operations include hand drawing, hand rolling, and embroidering and embellishing by hand.

Table B. Needlework Industry: Tariff rates applicable to gloves imported into the United States from foreign countries, by type a/

Type of glove	Tariff Act of 1930 b/	Modifications under trade agreements b/
Leather		
Women's and children's		
Not over 12 inches in length; not trimmed with fur; not lined:		
Hand seamed	$10.50 per dozen pairs 50 percent minimum	$7.50 per dozen pairs 35 percent minimum c/
Over 12 inches in length; not trimmed with fur; not lined:		
Hand seamed	$0.50 per dozen pairs	$0.25 per dozen pairs c/
Men's		
Not over 12 inches in length; not lined:		
Hand seamed	$0.91-2/3 per pair	$0.58-1/3 per pair d/
Cotton		
Of fabric knit on a warp-knitting machine	60 percent	
Of fabric knit on other than a warp-knitting machine	50 percent	
Of woven fabric	25 percent	
Of hand made cotton lace	90 percent	
Other, knit or crocheted	45 percent	
Wool		
Valued not over $1.75 per dozen pairs	$0.40 per pound plus 35 percent	
Valued over $1.75 but not over $3.50 per dozen pairs	$0.50 per pound plus 50 percent	
Valued over $3.50 per dozen pairs	$0.50 per pound plus 50 percent	$0.50 per pound plus 40 percent d/
Embroidered	90 percent	
Rayon	$0.45 per pound plus 65 percent	
Silk	60 percent	

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Statistical Classification of Imports into the United States, with rates of duty, effective January 1, 1943.

a/ The types shown are those which may compete with gloves manufactured in Puerto Rico.

b/ All percentage figures refer to ad valorem rates.

c/ Trade agreement with France, Treasury Decision 48316, effective June 15, 1936.

d/ Trade agreement with the United Kingdom, Treasury Decision 49753, effective January 1, 1939.

Table C. Needlework Industry: Tariff rates applicable to handkerchiefs imported into the United States from foreign countries, by type a/

Type of handkerchief	Tariff Act of 1930 b/	Modifications under trade agreements b/
Embroidered, tambored, appliqued, or with threads omitted, drawn, punched, or cut, and with threads introduced after weaving for ornamentation, or of lace		
Valued not more than 70 cents per dozen and not made with hand-rolled or hand-made hems	3 cents each plus 40 percent	
Valued more than 70 cents per dozen, or if made with hand-rolled or hand-made hems	4 cents each plus 40 percent	
Hemmed or hemstitched		
Wholly of cotton	Dutiable as cloth plus 10 percent	
Chief value but not wholly of cotton	40 percent plus 10 percent additional	
Vegetable fiber other than cotton		
Made with hand-rolled or hand-made hems	1 cent each plus 50 percent	
Other	50 percent	35 percent c/
Silk		
Valued not more than $5 per dozen	60 percent	
Valued more than $5 per dozen		
Block-printed by hand	60 percent	35 percent c/
Other	60 percent	45 percent c/
Rayon or other synthetic fiber	45 cents per pound plus 65 percent	

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Statistical Classification of Imports into the United States, with rates of duty, effective January 1, 1943.

a/ The types shown are those which may compete with handkerchiefs manufactured in Puerto Rico.

b/ All percentage figures refer to ad valorem rates.

c/ Trade agreement with the United Kingdom, Treasury Decision 49753, effective January 1, 1939.

Table D. Needlework Industry: Tariff rates applicable to specified embroidered and ornamented articles and fabrics (except handkerchiefs and gloves) imported into the United States from foreign countries, by type a/

Type of article	Tariff Act of 1930 b/	Modifications under trade agreements b/
Wearing apparel, embroidered, tamboured, appliqued, or ornamented with beads, bugles, or spangles, etc.		
Cotton	90 percent	75 percent c/
Vegetable fiber other than cotton	90 percent	
Silk	90 percent	75 percent c/
Rayon or other synthetic fiber	90 percent	
Articles and fabrics (except wearing apparel), embroidered, tamboured, appliqued, or ornamented with beads, bugles, or spangles, etc., or with threads omitted, drawn, punched, or cut and with threads introduced after weaving for ornamentation		
Cotton		
In chief value of edgings, insertings, galloons, flouncings, and all-overs, and specified embroidered and tamboured articles not embroidered or tamboured in any part by hand	90 percent	60 percent d/
Other	90 percent	
Vegetable fiber other than cotton	90 percent	
Silk	90 percent	
Rayon or other synthetic fiber	90 percent	

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Statistical Classification of Imports into the United States, with rates of duty, effective January 1, 1943.

a/ The types shown are those which may compete with articles manufactured in Puerto Rico.

b/ All percentage figures refer to ad valorem rates.

c/ Trade agreement with France, Treasury Decision 48316, effective June 15, 1936.

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Table D. Needlework Industry: Tariff rates applicable to specified embroidered and ornamented articles and fabrics (except handkerchiefs and gloves) imported into the United States from foreign countries, by type a/

Type of article	Tariff Act of 1930 b/	Modifications under trade agreements b/
Wearing apparel, embroidered, tamboured, appliqued, or ornamented with beads, bugles, or spangles, etc.		
Cotton	90 percent	75 percent c/
Vegetable fiber other than cotton	90 percent	
Silk	90 percent	75 percent c/
Rayon or other synthetic fiber	90 percent	
Articles and fabrics (except wearing apparel), embroidered, tamboured, appliqued, or ornamented with beads, bugles, or spangles, etc., or with threads omitted, drawn, punched, or cut and with threads introduced after weaving for ornamentation		
Cotton		
In chief value of edgings, insertings, galloons, flouncings, and all-overs, and specified embroidered and tamboured articles not embroidered or tamboured in any part by hand	90 percent	60 percent d/
Other	90 percent	
Vegetable fiber other than cotton	90 percent	
Silk	90 percent	
Rayon or other synthetic fiber	90 percent	

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Statistical Classification of Imports into the United States, with rates of duty, effective January 1, 1943.

a/ The types shown are those which may compete with articles manufactured in Puerto Rico.

b/ All percentage figures refer to ad valorem rates.

c/ Trade agreement with France, Treasury Decision 48316, effective June 15, 1936.

d/ Trade agreement with Switzerland, Treasury Decision 48093, effective February 15, 1936.

Table E. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of needlework items shipped from Puerto Rico to the United States, by type of product, annually, 1939 through 1942, and January through June, 1943

Type of product	Quantity unit	1939		1940		1941		1942		January through June, 1943	
		Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)
Needlework products total			$15,213,437		$9,688,482		$10,826,289		$8,771,013		$3,461,212
Handkerchiefs and household art linens: a/		6,867,204	7,340,814	4,689,490	5,067,032	4,226,319	5,469,685	2,521,344	3,743,175	771,276	1,246,822
Handkerchiefs:		6,611,803	6,587,405	4,531,253	4,653,178	4,108,511	5,161,986	2,456,864	3,498,042	766,413	1,219,271
Cotton handkerchiefs	doz.	3,686,113	2,892,772	2,702,860	2,212,265	2,642,145	2,854,681	1,813,272	2,081,657	694,193	1,007,591
Linen handkerchiefs	doz.	2,860,925	3,552,819	1,807,805	2,390,405	1,453,463	2,277,972	641,849	1,411,019	70,930	204,367
Silk handkerchiefs	doz.	64,765	141,814	20,588	50,508	12,903	29,333	1,743	5,366	1,290	7,313
Household art linens:		255,401	753,409	158,237	413,854	117,808	307,699	64,480	245,133	4,863	27,551
Bridge sets, table covers, scarfs, towels and napkins:		143,316	481,530	104,871	283,611	108,113	274,112	58,639	212,952	4,715	26,276
Cotton	doz.	11,773	42,823	17,308	23,485	40,120	76,446	16,916	52,147	150	948
Linen	doz.	131,543	438,707	87,563	260,126	67,993	147,666	41,723	160,805	4,565	25,328
Sheets and pillow cases:		112,085	271,879	53,366	130,243	9,695	33,587	5,841	32,181	148	1,275
Cotton	doz.	112,085	271,879	53,366	130,243	7,715	24,617	2,277	8,997	148	1,275
Linen	doz.	b/	b/	b/	b/	1,080	8,970	3,564	23,184	--	--
Cotton and rayon underwear and infants' underwear of all kinds: a/		559,602	2,112,469	417,184	1,474,499	222,676	1,127,995	107,237	1,118,514	52,092	600,778
Women's underwear, cotton	doz.	141,589	635,698	172,834	602,161	122,060	415,747	42,527	152,478	20,241	46,437
Children's underwear, cotton	doz.	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	2,529	18,301	--	--
Rayon underwear	doz.	--	--	--	--	16,619	369,638	36,870	835,299	24,959	500,828
Nightgowns and pajamas, cotton	doz.	418,013	1,476,771	244,350	872,338	83,997	342,610	25,311	112,436	6,892	53,513
Infants' wear: a/		b/	b/	b/	b/	1,316	36,010	1,077	29,831	--	--
Silk	doz.	b/	b/	b/	b/	1,316	36,010	1,011	27,790	--	--
Wool	doz.	b/	b/	b/	b/	--	--	66	2,041	--	--
Silk underwear c/	doz.	121,543	2,427,753	64,915	1,348,126	47,833	1,084,444	37,643	779,085	4,864	139,739
Gloves, fabric d/	doz.pr.	36,422	248,953	2,765	41,392	104,390	995,592	110,282	1,230,786	84,244	79[illegible],759
Gloves, leather e/	doz.pr.	34,435	496,822	5,149	105,150	19,419	355,932	14,641	323,655	3,886	93,907

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Table E. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of needlework items shipped from Puerto Rico to the United States by type of product, annually, 1939 through 1942, and January through June, 1943
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Type of product	Quantity unit	1939		1940		1941		1942		January through June, 1943	
		Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)	Quantity	Value (in dollars)
Needle point and hand-hooked rugs:		50,128	88,480	37,698	113,985	138,145	218,041	128,661	220,084	47,675	85,911
Rugs, woolen	no.	721	33,383	1,282	78,958	7,318	123,632	4,999	104,752	5,492	30,909
Rugs, hooked, string and other rugs (not including fiber rugs) a/	no.	16,575	23,672	21,273	18,850	102,938	56,771	103,665	70,444	27,307	19,324
Tapestries a/	no.	32,832	31,425	15,143	16,177	27,889	37,638	19,997	44,888	14,876	35,678
Wearing apparel: f/			2,355,402		1,475,186		1,335,977		1,182,478		437,946
Women's dresses, skirts and waists, cotton	doz.	20,793	268,892	7,879	206,633	7,359	189,765	4,444	190,658	1,244	29,712
Children's dresses	doz.	516,246	1,648,218	340,586	918,552	201,027	844,968	156,540	701.782	61,314	277,684
Dresses, silk	doz.	1,787	74,320	1,839	66,793	1,921	66,638	28	1,380	47	1,395
Blouses, silk	doz.	16,516	336,606	12,258	261,722	12,862	223,992	20,479	190,258	2,159	29,479
Blouses, rayon	doz.	—	—	—	—	b/	b/	3,271	92,316	4,008	89,989
Men's and boys' clothing, cotton	doz.	9,636	25,104	7,747	20,449	2,919	10,614	1,207	6,084	—	—
Collars and cuffs, cotton	doz.	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/	3,538	9,687
Wearing apparel, linen			2,262		1,037		b/	—	—	—	—
Sleeve badges	no.	b/	b/	b/	b/	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other textile products: g/			142,744		68,112		202,613		143,405		56,250
Other cotton manufactures			62,844		23,939		22,623		11,958		7,442
Other linen manufactures			43,884		10,819		14,646		17,341		3,638
Other silk manufactures			36,016		33,354		29,202		8,094		7,274
Other rayon manufactures			—		—		136,142		106,012		37,896

Source: United States Department of Commerce. Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States, for 1939 and 1940. Remaining periods from unpublished material

a/ Wage and Hour Division, applicable wage order rates: (1) Hand sewing operations, 12½ cents an hour, minimum. (2) Other operations, 20 cents an hour, minimum.
b/ Not separately reported.
c/ Wage and Hour Division, applicable wage order rates: (1) Hand sewing operations, 15 cents an hour, minimum. (2) Other operations, 22½ cents an hour, minimum.
d/ Wage and Hour Division, applicable wage order rates: (1) Hand sewing operations, 15 cents an hour, minimum. (2) Other operations, 20 cents an hour, minimum.
e/ Wage and Hour Division, applicable wage order rates: (1) Hand sewing operations, 18 cents an hour, minimum. (2) Other operations, 20 cents an hour, minimum.
f/ Wage and Hour Division, applicable wage order rate: 20 cents an hour, minimum, for hand sewing and other operations in wearing apparel division.
g/ Wage order rates for all other divisions may be applicable to individual items in this category.

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Table F. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of gloves imported from foreign countries into the United States for consumption, by type, 1939 through 1942

Year	All types	Leather		Cotton		Wool		Rayon		Silk	
	Value	Quantity (in dozen pairs)	Value	Quantity (in dozen pairs)	Value	Quantity (in dozen pairs)	Value	Quantity (in dozen pairs)	Value	Quantity (in dozen pairs)	Value
1939	$4,578,198	266,947	$2,714,329	804,018	$1,419,890	269,754	$341,498	62,248	$101,985	111	$496
1940	2,209,362	115,211	1,224,246	563,657	510,794	398,837	450,754	26,993	23,543	2	25
1941	1,275,815	29,196	361,466	485,887	450,349	385,192	445,191	22,146	18,805	a/	4
1942	291,678	7,217	124,631	25,434	103,148	27,180	62,966	977	931	b/	2

Source: United States Department of Commerce. Data for years 1939 and 1940 from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States
Data for remaining years from unpublished material

a/ Eight pairs.

b/ One pair.

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Table G. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of United States imports from foreign countries and of shipments from Puerto Rico of handkerchiefs ornamented with lace or embroidery, tamboured, appliqued, or with drawn work, etc., according to type and country of origin, 1939 through 1941

Type of handkerchief and country of origin	1939		1940		1941	
	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)
All types of ornamented handkerchiefs:						
Azores and Madeira Islands	1,042,161	127,266	1,805,959	245,040	2,747,868	389,506
China	32,436,545	2,140,756	52,085,666	3,640,174	27,005,979	2,453,952
Philippine Islands, duty free	23	40	192,840	25,342	3,601,768	285,338
All other countries	2,568,677	346,432	3,261,348	420,037	2,555,995	365,963
Total imports	36,047,406	2,614,494	57,345,813	4,330,593	35,911,610	3,494,759
Puerto Rico a/	79,369,356	6,592,001	54,575,036	4,653,178	49,302,132	5,161,986
Cotton:						
Azores and Madeira Islands	2,112	129	134,059	9,348	291,437	28,842
China	707,500	30,368	10,994,129	231,170	1,682,206	53,041
Philippine Islands, duty free	-	-	84,588	13,620	3,585,697	282,922
All other countries	408,209	34,826	898,194	85,094	810,243	90,839
Total imports	1,117,821	65,323	12,110,970	339,232	6,369,583	455,644
Puerto Rico	44,233,356	2,892,772	32,434,320	2,212,265	31,705,740	2,854,681
Linen:						
Azores and Madeira Islands	1,040,049	127,137	1,671,900	235,692	2,456,431	360,664
China	31,720,232	2,109,228	41,075,046	3,407,560	25,311,963	2,399,568
Philippine Islands, duty free	23	40	108,252	11,722	16,071	2,416
All other countries	2,138,495	307,006	2,348,419	332,775	1,731,034	272,222
Total imports	34,898,799	2,543,411	45,203,617	3,987,749	29,515,499	3,034,870
Puerto Rico	34,331,100	3,552,819	21,693,660	2,390,405	17,441,556	2,277,972
Silk:						
Azores and Madeira Islands	---	---	---	---	---	---
China	8,813	1,088	15,267	1,418	11,810	1,343
Philippine Islands, duty free	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table G. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of United States imports from foreign countries and of shipments from Puerto Rico of handkerchiefs ornamented with lace or embroidery, tamboured, appliqued, or with drawn work, etc., according to type and country of origin, 1939 through 1941 (continued)

Type of handkerchief and country of origin	1939		1940		1941	
	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)	Quantity (number)	Value (in dollars)
Silk: (continued)						
All other countries	9,380	3,723	9,455	1,804	7,134	2,481
Total imports	18,193	4,811	24,722	3,222	18,944	3,824
Puerto Rico	777,180	141,814	247,056	50,508	154,836	29,333
Rayon or other synthetic textile:						
Azores and Madeira Islands	----	----	----	----	---	---
China	----	----	1,224	26	---	---
Philippine Islands, duty free	----	----	----	----	---	---
All other countries	12,593	877	5,280	364	7,584	421
Total imports	12,593	877	6,504	390	7,584	421
Puerto Rico	27,720	4,596	b/	b/	b/	b/

Source: United States Department of Commerce. Data on imports for years 1939 and 1940 from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States; data on Puerto Rican shipments for years 1939 and 1940 from Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States; data on imports and shipments for remaining periods from unpublished material

a/ Figures for years 1940 through 1941 exclude handkerchiefs made of rayon or other synthetic textiles which were not reported separately.

b/ Not reported separately.

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Table H. Needlework Industry: Quantity and value of handkerchiefs imported from foreign countries into the United States for consumption, by type, 1939 to 1942

Type of handkerchief	1939		1940		1941		1942	
	Quantity (Number)	Value	Quantity (Number)	Value	Quantity (Number)	Value	Quantity (Number)	Value
Total, all types	84,980,920	$4,408,819	99,583,160	$4,959,326	57,278,108	$4,739,608	20,165,276	$2,500,503
Cotton								
Plain	32,848,860	482,697	30,532,728	426,586	13,875,240	321,166	2,124,504	169,021
Embroidered or lace	1,117,821	65,323	12,110,970	339,232	6,369,583	455,644	4,966,745	581,905
Linen								
Plain	11,983,480	1,042,914	10,052,399	1,054,897	6,929,056	840,636	4,797,303	670,392
Embroidered or lace	34,898,799	2,543,483	45,203,617	3,987,749	29,515,499	3,034,870	8,237,788	1,035,989
Silk								
Plain	4,064,631	267,126	1,600,968	142,320	557,366	82,671	38,106	42,687
Embroidered or lace	18,193	4,811	24,722	3,222	18,944	3,824	530	373
Rayon							300	136
Plain	36,543	1,588	51,252	4,930	4,836	376	a/	a/
Embroidered or lace	12,593	877	6,504	390	7,584	421	a/	a/

Source: United States Department of Commerce: Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States

a/ Not separately reported.

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Table I. Needlework Industry: Value of United States imports for consumption of specified embroidered and ornamented articles and fabrics, by type of article and country of origin, 1939 through 1941 a/

Type of article and year	All countries	Azores and Madeira Islands	China	Philippine Islands (duty free)	Other countries
All specified articles					
1939	$10,843,048	$396,459	$2,911,610	$6,314,867	$1,220,112
1940	10,364,688	510,032	3,456,447	5,627,749	770,460
1941	8,841,141	573,185	3,488,674	4,367,901	411,381
Embroidered wearing apparel, all kinds of material					
1939	6,694,336	6,089	374,516	5,899,899	413,832
1940	5,794,903	6,230	343,914	5,238,419	206,340
1941	4,334,893	9,060	361,955	3,902,781	61,097
Cotton wearing apparel (not knit or crocheted)					
1939	5,973,502	5,999	2,149	5,869,539	95,815
1940	5,111,541	5,974	1,726	5,072,342	31,499
1941	3,719,112	8,740	3,530	3,700,805	6,037
Linen (vegetable fiber other than cotton) wearing apparel					
1939	9,005	---	4	551	8,450
1940	3,181	138	165	1,861	1,017
1941	1,297	184	795	63	255
Silk wearing apparel (not knit or crocheted)					
1939	504,735	90	365,881	25,821	112,943
1940	561,192	118	337,949	161,423	61,702
1941	491,095	136	348,661	119,555	22,743
Rayon or other synthetic textile wearing apparel					
1939	207,094	---	6,482	3,988	196,624
1940	118,989	---	4,074	2,793	112,122
1941	123,389	---	8,969	82,358	32,062
All other articles and fabrics, embroidered or ornamented with drawn work, etc. b/					
1939	4,148,712	390,370	2,537,094	414,968	806,280
1940	4,569,785	503,802	3,112,533	389,330	564,120
1941	4,506,248	564,125	3,126,719	465,120	350,284
Cotton machine embroidered articles and fabrics c/					
1939	302,488	---	---	---	302,488
1940	207,641	---	---	---	207,641
1941	120,182	---	---	---	120,182

For source and footnotes, see end of table.

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Table I. Needlework Industry: Value of United States imports for consumption of specified embroidered and ornamented articles and fabrics, by type of article and country of origin, 1939 through 1941 (continued) a/

Type of article and year	All countries	Azores and Madeira Islands	China	Philippine Islands (duty free)	Other countries
Cotton hand embroidered articles and fabrics					
1939	$ 1,509,750	$ 53,043	$ 921,940	$ 401,632	$ 133,135
1940	1,705,800	58,390	1,203,987	375,409	68,014
1941	1,793,375	97,485	1,266,709	398,465	30,716
Cotton drawn work articles and fabrics d/					
1939	8,099	---	1,541	---	6,558
1940	11,711	---	3,021	---	8,690
1941	9,830	---	2,976	---	6,854
Linen (vegetable fiber other than cotton) articles and fabrics					
1939	2,229,743	337,327	1,589,710	12,107	290,599
1940	2,541,205	445,412	1,879,504	11,009	205,280
1941	2,455,162	466,640	1,833,848	8,038	146,636
Silk articles and fabrics					
1939	63,138	---	23,342	1,229	38,567
1940	66,966	---	24,585	2,912	39,469
1941	65,951	---	19,569	28,316	18,066
Rayon or other synthetic textile articles and fabrics					
1939	35,494	---	561	---	34,933
1940	36,462	---	1,436	---	35,026
1941	61,748	---	3,617	30,301	27,830

Source: United States Department of Commerce. Data for 1939 and 1940 from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States. Data for 1941 from unpublished material

a/ The items included in this table are those considered directly or indirectly competitive with Puerto Rican manufactures. Handkerchiefs and gloves are not included. The term "embroidered" as used herein includes "embroidered, tamboured, appliqued or ornamented with beads, bugles or spangles, etc."

b/ Consists almost entirely of made up articles and includes the value of a small quantity of edgings, insertings and galloons in the form of yard or piece goods (See footnote c/).

c/ With minor exceptions this class consists of machine work and comprises primarily, multiple needle (Schiffli and Swiss hand loom). Cornely and Bonnaz embroideries which are in chief value of edgings, insertings, galloons, flouncings or all overs.

d/ Primarily hand work.

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